

# Tai Post 大報

Monthly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (Feb 2014 Issue)

## President's Message Francis Au



Dear fellow members,

Kung Hei Fat Choi!!! Wish you all and your family a healthy and happy year of the Horse!

We finally have a very balanced 2014 January. A bit of everything ....

### \*\*\* Services \*\*\*

Our evergreen project "Star Reaching" held a very meaningful event with Tai Po teenagers. Lots of members and their spouse supported the project as usual. Thank you very much. First time experience being a loan shark is very funny. The post-event discussion was very constructive.



Our brand new project "We Can Code" started on 18 Jan 2014.

The objective of this project is to unveil the potential of our next generation. I look forward to enjoying the great result from all the participants with all of you at the closing ceremony on 29 Mar 2014.



### \*\*\* Busy Day with Great Support \*\*\*

19 Jan marks one of the busiest event day for Rotary Club of Tai Po. We had following 3 events: 1. Bowling competition with Blind athletes 2. Boat ride with RCTP members 3. Tai Po Fight Crime Carnival.

So ... how did we accomplish all these? Big thank you to PP Peter, PP Jacky, and our Tai Po and WYS Rotaractors. PP Peter and I joined the bowling competition to support our



Rotaractors' participation. I then went straight to the pier to join our members for a nice sunny afternoon out there in the Hong Kong waters. PP Jacky helped me to be present in the Fight Crime Carnival in Tai Po in the afternoon. BIG THANK YOU to all of you. We did that again!!!



### \*\*\* A Great Club with Great Members \*\*\*

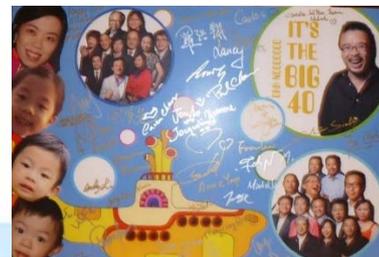
27 Jan is our last meeting in year of Snake. It is one of our highest attended meeting. Apart from the fact that all of us wanted to see and greet each other before CNY, PP Jacky is definitely the key for such high attendance.



PP Jacky — Thank you for your sharing with all of us!! We look forward to enjoying and sharing a lot more happy Rotary moments with you in the future.

### \*\*\* Mixed Feelings \*\*\*

Jan 2014 is mixed with different feelings. I had a great celebration with all of you on my new mark of 40th. In the meantime, my fellow President Edwin Poon of Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile passed away on 10 Jan at a very young age. Oh well!!! This is life!! Let's enjoy and make every moment worth no matter what we do. I'm proud to be an RCTP member. I'm proud to be able to lead the club on this very special year of mine. Thank you for all your love and support.



May all love and happiness be with you and your family all the time all the way!!!

Thanks,  
Francis



# Editor Says ...

Claire Mak



The most interesting and heart-warming thing about Chinese New Year is the mutual greetings for a prosperous New Year.

Even on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> day of last year, greetings were already afloat with *Kung Hei Fat Choi*. This year saw less / none (at least I am not aware of) Rotaractors setting up booths at the Flower Markets to sell interesting articles bearing either well-wishing or sarcastic motifs; or else it would be even more festive and jolly.



Otherwise, preparations for the CNY already geared people up for festivities. Everything auspicious like the bright red decorations, snacks for Chinese Full Box, turnip cakes, pots of tangerines, narcissi or peach blossoms, specially painted nails; red underwear (anyone thinking about Michael Lee?), new shoes ...



This is the Year of the Horse and by the quirk of the use of Chinese words, "on the horse (馬上)" bears the same meaning as "immediately". So a lot of greetings easily became wishes for immediate good luck or good fortune: very smart and timely!



The well-wishing messages came in different styles: some in text, some in cartoons,

some are photos with greetings splashed all over ... some are solemn and serious, more of them are cheeky and humorous. They are self-explanatory and require no further exposition: pretty typical of present day people who are mindful of efficiency and effectiveness. In fact, if we can have more of these good ones on usual days, it will add fun and enhance communications. I'd certainly consider it very pleasant to be at the receiving end.

The beauty of the Chinese New Year is it *melts* the usual cold and aloof facade of people. On Lunar New Year day, people greeted each other with an abundance of gifts and lai sees and above all, well wishes. CNY works magic on everyone's temper and no one was rude, no one was aggressive. It would be nice if we see more of such temperament and ambience; and Hong Kong will be a lot more peaceful. Too bad, we cannot have new year day every day!



On New Year day, my dad was driving out from a car park when, after taking the ticket out from the machine at the gate, the metal bar did not budge. The attendant smilingly told us, "you've got to kung hei the bar and it would rise". Then he raised the bar manually. His pleasant joke and warm smile set everyone at ease. No one wished to complain about the mechanical failure and he himself seemed not bothered by the task of having to raise and lower the bar time and time again as cars entered or left. Everyone was jovial!

On Day 2, in the congested restaurant where we frequented, all waiters and waitresses were all smiles and overflowed with greetings of *kung hei fat choi*. I don't seem recall them to be as pleasant on other days. Of course, these gestures earned them pocketful of lai sees and tips which my relatives said were the main reason for them to be so inviting. But I suppose one would naturally be influenced by the amiable atmosphere in the restaurant as everyone was joyous and cheerful.

In the past, we used to attend different homes to pay New Year visits. In recent years, more were done through telephone greetings; and even more via WhatsApp messages. Well wishes which are specially tailored for the recipients also show the deep friendship and understanding.



Turn the pages and take a look at what RCTP members were up to in Chinese New Year. True to the festive spirit, they were all cheerful, healthy and beautiful whether in Hong Kong or abroad.

Here is to wish all readers of Tai Post a truly blessed Year of the Horse: including, of course, much gains at the races!



Kung Hei Fat Choi!!!



## Rotary Information

Peter Lam



Rotarians come from diverse fields and profession and here is a story of a young Rotarian & former GSE member from USA who is a Tattoo artist and is very devoted to serving Rotary.

### MEET LUKE PYTLIK: TATTOO ARTIST, EX-MARINE, ROTARIAN

*Adapted from a story in the January 2014 issue of [The Rotarian](#)*

Tattoo artist Luke Pytlik creates a Rotary wheel on fellow Rotarian Dane Wunderlich's leg

Pytlik and Wunderlich both belong to the Rotary Club of Temecula Valley-New Generation, located about halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego. Wunderlich is the club's current president, Pytlik is sergeant-at-arms and chair of its international service committee. Wunderlich's mother has been a devoted Rotarian for decades, so it made sense that he'd become a charter member of his club at a young age. But Pytlik, an ex-Marine, never gave Rotary a thought until he found himself jetting to India in 2012 on a Group Study Exchange. Today, he says simply, "Rotary is my religion."



Tattoo artist Luke Pytlik creates a Rotary wheel on fellow Rotarian Dane Wunderlich's leg

As if to prove he literally walks his talk, Pytlik set out with another friend, Army reservist Bradley Petersen, to hike California's 211-mile John Muir Trail this past July. In the process of getting in shape for it, he came up with the idea of using this trek to raise money for a Rotary project dear to his heart: the rebuilding of a dilapidated elementary school in Nicaragua. He'd discovered the school a few months earlier, on his first international service trip after becoming a Rotarian. In the little town of Francisco Laguna, he had found more than 100 children sitting on a dirt floor under a porous roof in a wobbly structure with only two of its four walls – conditions that Pytlik called "totally unacceptable." He'd vowed to return and help create a functional building.

Of course, that takes money. To raise funds he sent out fliers, used social media, and promoted the idea of sponsoring his hike by speaking at other clubs in his district. He raised most of the money from his own clients, talking about his plan while tattooing. Thirteen arduous days after they began, Pytlik and Petersen reached the summit of Mount Whitney, at 14,505 feet the highest peak in the contiguous United States.

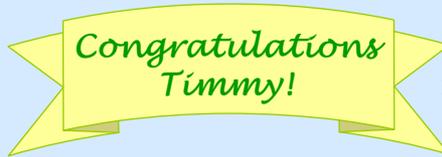
A resourceful, unflappable road warrior, Pytlik is just the sort of person you want to have along on a Rotary mission to places most people don't even want to know about, let alone visit. My guess is that the District 5330 Rotarians who interviewed Pytlik for the Group Study Exchange picked up on that quiet strength and refreshing lack of swagger.

Although Pytlik says he grew up poor, the Indian experience completely changed his perspective. "You're walking down the street and there are full-grown men standing in front of a pipe shooting water out into the street, taking showers. Vendors are selling all these different-sized and -colored used dentures, displayed on the ground. There are so many differences in what people think of as their needs, you can't even comprehend it at first."

India, says Pytlik, changed everything for him. "Since I've gotten back, I've stopped being so upset about how things haven't gone as perfectly as I'd wanted. I thought I'd be rich by the time I was 35. I wasn't happy. Joining Rotary helped me focus on something outside of what's going on for me." Pytlik's visit to Nicaragua came about because another club member had wanted to learn to surf. By chance, Crystal Martin had learned that the eco-resort where she attended surf school was partnering with Waves of Hope, a nonprofit Nicaraguan community development group, to provide jobs, repair buildings, and bring fresh water to impoverished locals.

When she returned from Nicaragua and reported on her discovery, club members expressed interest in joining the group's efforts. By the end of 2012, Pytlik and other club members were helping to repair a school and dig a well in Manzanillo, Nicaragua. During that visit, he came upon the school in Francisco Laguna, vowing to help bring its students four walls, a secure roof, desks to sit at, and a real chalkboard to replace the jagged piece of slate their teacher was writing on. Pytlik estimates the project will run about \$20,000 to complete. Whatever it takes, though – another John Muir trek or a walk on the moon – he's up for the task.

"There's a saying going around that Rotarians are selfish because of how good we feel when we do something for someone else. That kind of selfish. It's true for me."



## Veteran Wins Hong Kong Lawn Bowls KO Singles

### Lawn Bowls—Men's Knock-out Singles

By [Claudius Lam](#) | January 8, 2014

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Veteran bowler Timmy Kwong won his first National title after beating former New Zealand national squad member Dave Hanson in the Final of the National Knock-out Singles on Sunday, Jan 5.

Kwong, a 56-year-old semi-retired businessman, who has been playing bowls for 18 years, is delighted after winning the title in his second ever Final of any National competition. His last venture resulted in tears when he lost the National Singles title to top Hong Kong bowler Noel Kennedy in 2007.

He is particularly happy as he won the Knock-out Final after a long day's work.

"The competition format is very tough for old man like me and I was almost exhausted in the Final," said Kwong.

"To win a game under such situations makes it unforgettable."

Kwong commenced his journey at the outdoor green of Club de Recreio when the competition started at 9:00 in the morning. After winning the first three rounds, he went on to defeat last year's Novice Singles champion Alan Lo from Kowloon Bowling Green Club; ex-Hong Kong International Milo Lai; and China International Terrence Lee to enter the Final.

His opponent in the Final was Dave Hanson, who was in the New Zealand squad six years ago. Hanson, who plays for Police, defeated Hong Kong International Kevin Fung enroute to the Final.

Hanson took the first shot in the first end, but from then on Kwong started dominating play.

"Playing at home definitely helped because the KCC green is a bit tricky to a lot of bowlers. I got a good ball sense today and with my familiarisation with the green, I picked up the green really quickly," explained Kwong.

Kwong took the next five ends to lead by a big gap of 9:1. Hanson decided to change his tactics and follow the way Kwong bowled and it proved effective instantly. Hanson took the next five ends to tie the game at 9:9.

At this point Kwong resumed his steady performance and outdrew Hanson on the following five ends to finish the game 17:9.

"Towards the end of the Final I felt a bit of cramp in the leg, but fortunately it did not affect my play too much.

"I am really pleased that I still have the touch after so many games in the day and obviously my knowledge of the green did help me a lot," said Kwong.

Hanson, who also played his first major Final in Hong Kong, was not disappointed and praised Kwong for the good performance.

"I have some short bowls which created problems. When I did get shots he played better so I can't do anything about it," said Hanson, who moved to Hong Kong in 2010.

"The game is really tricky and he has local knowledge. I had to follow him after a while and if I did not do that the game would have finished much sooner.

"You win a lot and lose a lot and that's life," said Hanson.

In what was arguably the most grueling lawn bowls competition held to date, the record-breaking 265 entrants started at 9.00am on Sunday morning at eight venues, with the games from the last 16 onward played at Kowloon Cricket Club. While the Final players need to play up to eight games within a day, they also need to adapt to the ever-changing weather, from the cool morning to the warm afternoon then the chilly evening. The Final finished at 10.00pm.

*Claudius Lam is an Officer with the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association.*



*Timmy Kwong of Kowloon Cricket Club proudly displays his first national title trophy, the National Knock-out Singles, after defeating New Zealander Dave Hanson 17:9 in the Final on Sunday Jan 5, 2014. (Stephanie Worth)*



# The 4th Hong Kong Bowling Tournament for All cum the 3rd Hong Kong Blind Bowling Tournament Jan. 19, 2014

Peter Lam



Sponsored by the Labour & Welfare Bureau, this event was organized by the Hong Kong Blind Sports Federation (HKBSF) and co-organized by the Rotary International District 3450. Its main objectives are to raise the self-confidence of people with visual impairment through equal participation in sports training and sports tournament and to arouse the public awareness on their abilities.

This year the event was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at the bowling alley at South China Athletic Association (南華體育會). Our club did not have any member participating but we did sponsor two teams of our Rotaractors to support. President Iki Chan, Tony Luk & Jolly Yiu of Rotaract Club of Tai Po represented one team while President Sunny Liu and two other students represented another team of our Provisional Rotaract Club of CU WYS College. Each team has one visually impaired person and I believe the visually

impaired young man from our WYS club team was the best player in both our teams and they all enjoyed the 3 games for fun. With no surprise, Rotary Club of Kwai Chung emerged as winner of the All Team category while PP Alcuin Li from same club was the winner in the Rotarian Individual as well as the one game Best Score category. Representatives from HK Broadband won the Corporate Individual prize.

Besides from DG Eugene Fong and many VIP guests from the sponsoring and organizing parties who served as officiating guests and prize presenters, Hong Kong Elite Athlete (bowling player) Mr. Wu Siu Hong and pop song young ladies group Robynn & Kendy also participated to create good publicity and press coverage of the event.



Good job Iki & Tony for assisting the visually impaired player well!



PP Peter with our two teams



Thanks President Francis for dropping by to support!



Jolly & Tony tried out how it was like to play blinded-folded

## Club Outing - Yacht Trip One fine day

19 January 2014

Claire Mak

It was very sunny yet windy and rather cool when we assembled at the TST pier waiting to board the yacht for the RCTP outing. Anthony, Mary, Wilson, Wanda, Kenneth, Louis and Claire watched as Francis brought along the Au's Army of 7: Francis, Ada together with Charlotte, Cayden and Caymen and their 2 jie jies – matched only by William's family of 6: William, Bebe together with Alaric, Alvis, Bernice and cute little baby Arcus. Also taken on board were bulky packages of snacks and 'you know what' drinks.



The first stop was to pick up Frankie, Creamy and well missed Ada Wu from HK side. Then the yacht sailed out of the choppy Victoria Harbour for Repulse Bay. Throughout the trip, it was non-stop eating, drinking and chatting. Francis demonstrated his special skill in *peeling* fresh pineapple. The pineapple goes very well with the Parma ham and wines.



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Lunch at Lamma Island was an extension of the drinks plus, of course, fresh and tasty seafood.



Even when we boarded back the yacht, our mouths were still fully occupied with snacks and the sweet glutinous dessert (茶糰-courtesy of Wilson); and singing of karaoke.

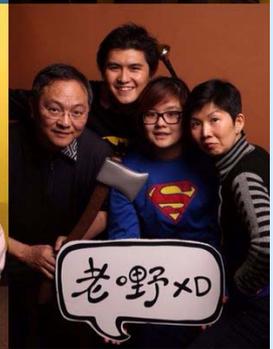


This fine day ended on a fine note as we left the yacht at around 5 in the afternoon...when Louis' singing still filled the harbour.....



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# Star Reaching Project

Ronald Chung

Star Reaching has been a long standing service project by the Rotary Club of Tai Po. It has always been a worthwhile project with great partnership with the Tai Po District Youth Outreaching Team. Our members have always actively participated in the project interacting with youngsters and their supporting social workers, hoping to shed light for, provide guidance to, and even inspire the youngsters and hope their future can go down a bright path. I started getting involved and gaining a first-hand experience during my year as President. After experiencing this meaningful project and seeing the results, I was hooked. If you can, do give it a shot, get involved.

This year's visit was held on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. We had over 10 Rotarians and family members attending the event. The theme for the event this year was helping youngsters to stay away from gambling, more specifically, internet gambling.



As in prior years, the social workers at the Tai Po District Youth Outreaching Team very thoughtfully put together activities to demonstrate to the youngsters the implication of gambling. These centers were manned by social workers as well as the participating Rotarians.

There was a career center where the youngsters can get "work" and earn wages, then there was a family corner where the youngsters can get the care of family, where they can also get positive energy (represented by cards.) There was also a corner for fun — shopping, food etc. For additional "excitement", the youngsters can also go gambling center, this main event was manned by PP Man. If they were unfortunate and lost money, they can try their "luck" again by borrowing money at the loan shark center (manned by RC Tai Po's # 1 representative, P. Francis who charged a "fair" loan rate.) Finally, there is also a rehab center where they can have a "fair hearing" by PP Claire on "the losing road of gambling."



I was manning the rehab center with PP Claire as well and business was, as expected, not vibrant, unlike the gambling center where PP Man had a lot of business and leaving a few youngsters with empty wallets in the process.

A few of these individuals money-less youngsters came to the rehab center to get their fair hearing and positive energy cards. Others went back to work to make a normal living and still a number went to P. Francis to get their "second chances." The natural outcome of many of these who tried their luck a second time were bankruptcy when they failed to repay him (as far as I can remember, only one was being able to repay the loan shark, but that's with the help of a friend with a very kind heart that did not ask for repayment... NICE!)



After 45 mins or so, the game came to the end. We all shared our observations and the youngsters shared their experience. How people borrowed money and got back to the gambling until they are bankrupted and what are the lessons learned.

After the sharing with everyone, we also broke into smaller work groups in a more intimate sharing session, and exchanged views on life in general. I was with P. Francis during this small group session, and I found the youngsters in the group quite open, asking questions on what we do, how we progress through our career. They were very focused and we did have their attention. I hope this exchange inspired a bit and, hopefully, changed their views of life a bit. Regardless of the outcome, this was a very meaningful event. Good work by the Tai Po Youth Outreaching Team!



One more piece of good news to share with everyone. The Tai Po Youth Outreaching Team last year had the opportunity to expand to Ma On Shan with the government inviting bids to start a Ma On Shan operation for the youth there. With the endorsement letters from our CP and myself (on behalf of RCTP,) the Tai Po Youth Outreaching Team won and is now running the Ma On Shan operation as well. Big hands to their effort getting recognized by the HK Government too. I think we should invite them over as speakers when the opportunity arise. If they show up, please give them our warmest of welcome, as project partners, as well as recognizing their good work to the community.





# PP Peter in Tokyo

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Peter Lam



In my last travel log to London & Paris last September, I mentioned that I have always travelled overseas “in a hurry.” But Tokyo is one exception as I now travel to the city not so much as a tourist but to join my better-half Tomomi to return to her hometown during my long Chinese New Year holiday. This recent trip was my longest one which lasted for 12 days from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> February. Wow, finally having a long break, taking it easy and no hurry!

I have travelled to the city, Tokyo, for many times in the past 2.5 decades and have also lived there for about 2 years in the late 80’s as a foreign student & part time worker so I am quite familiar with the city. But I am always excited to re-visit the city for the many old memories and old & new attractions for sightseeing, good food, cafes and bars.

In this recent trip, I was particularly free as I did not travel with the kids and Tomomi preferred to stay home more often with her parents. I explored some well known old Japanese restaurants and cafe with long tradition (what Japanese called “shinise老舖”). One tempura restaurant I went this time was known as Tenmo (天茂) at Nihonbashi (日本橋). The chef was a 3rd generation chef from his small family restaurant dating back over 120 years ago and it is interesting to know that old restaurants like this can still survive in a city full of modern stylish restaurants of all kinds. I also explored an area known as Jinpocho (神保町) in Kanda (神田區) which is famous for having a lot of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand old book stores and old Showa (昭和) style cafes. Japanese people are crazy about reading and I am always amazed at the wide selection of novels, books and magazines of any subject in the book stores so “bookstore shopping” was one of my other pastimes in Tokyo.



Asakusa 淺草 is still my favourite spot to visit but the main attraction this time was not the shrines and temples or the traditional Japanese gifts and cake shops but to have lunch at another 老舖 old Japanese eel (unagi) restaurant known as Irokawa (色川). Not surprisingly, I have to stand in line waiting for about 30 minutes to get a counter seat as the restaurant is tiny with only about 15 seats. I was well satisfied not so much for the good tasty food itself but to observe with my own eyes the owner chef so proudly preparing the eel from the old charcoal grill open kitchen. Oishi gatta ne, gochisou sama!



The Tokyo Station / Marunouchi (丸之内) district near the palace has been fully renovated in recent years and I was happy to re-visit the newly renovated Tokyo Station Hotel and the nearby area and one attraction was the old style Mitsubishi No.1 building (三菱一號館) now redeveloped into an art museum and tourist spot with many nice restaurants, cafes and shops. One other area in the heart of the city that might not be very popular for tourist that I went was Kagurazaka (神樂坂). This is an area where in olden days you would find traditional Japanese dancers known as “Keisha” (藝妓) walking around. This scene is all gone now but I loved to walk around the street with shrines and traditional Japanese sweet & cake shop (和菓子店). It was exciting to explore the narrow side street with old “ryokan” (Japanese Inns) and many small

French restaurants. This area is now popular for French community and those who like French culture as there is a French Language Institute and supermarket selling French food. What a good mix of cultures in Japan! I was so impressed to find that the Frenchman owner of the restaurant I went some 10 years ago was still there!

Not all my adventures in Tokyo were spent alone as I did join Tomomi and her parents for a one-night trip to Onzen Ryokan (Japanese hot-spring Inns) in Hakone (箱根) only 1.5 hours by train from Tokyo. The food served in our own room was marvelous and what an awesome relaxing feeling to get into the open air hot spring (露天風呂)! My trip to Tokyo was well accomplished with visits to my favourite Rock bar “Oasis” at Ikebukuro which served so many rare good whisky and played blues & rock music. I also went to jazz bars and jazz CDs specialty shop in an area known as Kichijoji (吉祥寺) that is a popular spot for young people, I enjoyed the very cheap but popular Yakitori (燒鳥) place there which serves various yakitori at YEN60 (HK\$5) a pcs, so cheap!



During my stay in Tokyo, there were big sales promotion of Valentine’s Day chocolate at all department store food corners and cakes shops which I always find interesting. In Japan, it is the custom for girls or young ladies to buy chocolate for their boyfriends or male friends they are fond of. So you see so many ladies lining up to buy Valentine’s chocolate (I have never received one though!) In return, there is a “White Day” exactly one month later 14<sup>th</sup> March for male to return the chocolate gift to the ladies which I believe is something quite unique in Japan but very commercial most likely created by the chocolate makers.



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Francis Au

We Can Code! So can YOU!!!

To a lot of people, programming is a magical tool. It's a myth. A bunch of machine readable English alike makes computers, and now smart phones, do all kinds of magical things. In fact it is just like any other language - any of us can be empowered and cast magic!!

"We Can Code" is an 8-week workshop to teach creating "Apps" on Android mobile device. We aim to nurture creativity; enabling the participants a new way to express their creativity. "We Can Code" is a triggering program. It's the beginning of great minds being energised, motivated, and stimulated.

Rotary Club of Tai Po works with the Apps Lab of City University of HK to deliver this series of 8-week workshop. We have participants from our Tai Po Secondary School Interact Clubs, Clementi Secondary School, children of our club members, and of course our members as well. The opening ceremony is simple and informative. NONE of our participants have any programming experience. Everybody starts from ground zero.

3 workshops have been completed so far. Our participants can now do some simple apps and make changes on pre-structured program. A couple of participants have shown great interest in programming. This is a sign to show we are doing something right to get our next generation expanding their universe. There are zillion possibilities out there.

The group picture we took on opening class shows lots of impatient faces of the youngsters. I'm sure all of them will wear a happy face with their first masterpiece at the closing ceremony of "We Can Code". I look forward to having more of you joining the closing ceremony (29 Mar Saturday 2pm) and share the joy with all the youngsters and be proud of our club effort.

It's always great to get the next generation started. Let's give them support together!!!





# Youth Corner

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## Provisional Interact Club of Tai Po Schools

Ping Leung

After nearly 2 years of efforts from all the parties the Interact Club of Tai Po Schools has finally come into being save the inauguration. It has 87 members from 7 schools. Credit goes to Principals Kwok Wing Keung and Poon Hing Fai of Carmel Holy Word Secondary School and Ling Liang Church MH Lau Secondary School respectively.

Our new interactors have shown a lot of enthusiasm during the preparatory meetings. Indeed some 20 members are already taking part in our 'We can Code' training sessions at City University for keen programming enthusiasts.

The first batch of club officers are in place. They are:

President:	Wong Chun Kit (M)	
Vice Presidents:	Lo Nga Lee (F)	So Hiu Ching (F)
	Ting Ka Ho (M)	Lai Hoi Ling (F)
	Kwok Sin Ying (F)	Law Ho Kuen (M)
(Note: All 7 schools are represented.)		
Club Admin:	Leung Ching Fung (M)	
Promotion:	Hung Lok Kei (F)	
Public Relations:	Chu Hiu Yiu (F)	
Webmasters:	Chow Chek Fung (M)	Leung Hon Yiu (M)
Treasurers:	Cheung Shing Chun (M)	Ip Long Hin (M)
Secretaries:	Leung Hiu Tung (F)	Chan Hoi Yee (F)

A number of us attended Provisional Interact Club of Tai Po Schools 2nd meeting on 17 January 2014.



# Regular Meeting

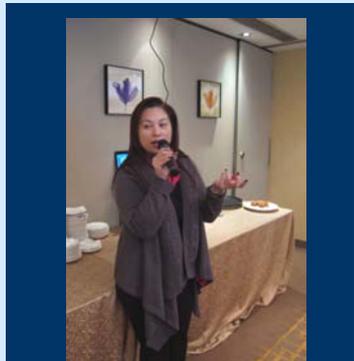
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Board members of the Provisional Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College, CU led by Vice President Kiki and President Sunny (1st and 2nd from right) introduced themselves and the activities they are planning to do once they get formally chartered.



Rotaractor James Cheng briefed members on RAC Tai Po's project this year for Asylum Seekers and their recent Christmas visit to the service targets.



Sincere gave some first-hand insights to life in Brazil when she spoke to members on the topic "Amazing Brazil, my second home."



Board members of the Provisional Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College, CU (seated) joined us at our regular meeting and met with Rotaractors Stanley and James and Rotarians Francis, Anthony, Peter and Claire.



January birthday boys and girls, Anthony, Mary, Jackie and Francis, many happy returns!



Lucky Wanda won the raffle gift of a colourful Turkish plate given out by Sincere.

27 January 2014



Hon. Members Matthew and Charles flanked speaker PP Jacky.



PP Jacky Sung spoke about his "22 Years in Rotary" and recounted juicy stories many of us did not know.



It is Wanda AGAIN!!! She took home the unique Champagne specially selected by PE Natalie as raffle gift.



Why did Louis give red box? Give a guess - Arriving late? Something worth celebrating? Forgotten to wear name plate? Or simply Frankie was the 麻辣 sergeant?



PP Jacky gave red box to show appreciation of the chance to speak to members ... before he related his indelible early experiences about giving red box.

10 February 2014



Mr. Vincent Yu shared with us his views on fortune in the Year of the Horse. As he put it, fortune telling is very much logical thinking and deduction.



PP Dennis gave a vote of thanks.



PP Frankie was one of the February birthday boys. Creamy and Francis flanked by him as he cut birthday cake amidst members' well wishes.



Guess why Francis held onto the exquisite bottle of red wine raffle gift given out by IPP Ron and won by PP Peter? The bottle was immediately opened and the wine was shared by all right after the photo was taken!



Acting Sergeant Frankie amassed lots of lai sees for red box. Francis was one big contributor.



Welcome back Jimmy and thanks for giving red box!



## Upcoming Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
19 Feb (Wed)	6:30 p.m.	Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup	Happy Valley Racecourse
21 Feb (Fri)	7:00 p.m.	Closing ceremony of Star Reaching Project 2013-2014 [離賭行動]	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tai Po Integrated Children and Youth Service Centre Hall
22-23 Feb (Sat & Sun)	9:30 a.m.	54th District Conference	Crowne Plaza HK Kowloon East Hotel, 3 Tong Tak Street, Tseung Kwan O
3 Mar (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Area 6 Spring Dinner	Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road., W. Kowloon
10 Mar (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Dr. Patrick Yung	The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TSTE
17 Mar (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Topic: "My nicknames and me" Speaker: PP Claire Mak	The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TSTE
23 Mar (Sun)	8:30 a.m.	Hong Kong Streetathon 10KM @Kowloon East	Cruise Terminal
24 Mar (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Mr. Tang King Sing	The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TSTE

### January Winners (100% attendance):



FRANCIS AU,  
CAREN CHAN,  
ANTHONY HUNG,  
NATALIE KWOK,  
PETER LAM,  
WILSON LAM,  
PING LEUNG,  
CLAIRE MAK,  
MAN MO LEUNG,  
JACKY SUNG,  
VIKKY TAM,  
KENNETH WONG,  
FRANKIE WU,  
WILLIAM YIM

### In January

Sasha Chu,  
Jimmy Wai,  
Patrick Yung



### % of attendance of regular meetings (inclusive of make ups)

Average attendance: 62.1%

6/Jan	67.7%
13/Jan	51.5%
19/Jan	61.5%
27/Jan	67.7%

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3rd Frankie Wu  
26th William Yim

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